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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Medical Day Care Transmittal No. 46

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Medical Day Care Centers
FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
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NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Amendments to Medical Day Care Regulations – Fiscal Year 2004
 Per Diem Rate

ACTION:
 Emergency Regulations
 Proposed Regulations

EFFECTIVE DATE:
 July 1, 2003
 January 1, 2004

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COMMENT PERIOD EXPIRES: August 25, 2003

The Maryland Medical Assistance Program is proposing to amend Regulation .09 under COMAR 10.09.07 Medical Day Care Services. The amendment has also been submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review for approval of emergency status to become effective July 1, 2003. The amendment, as submitted to be published in the *Maryland Register*, is attached.

In order to contain expenditures in the Program's Fiscal Year 2004 budget, the Department is proposing that **NO RATE INCREASE** will be provided in Fiscal Year 2004, and that the Medicaid per diem rate will remain unchanged from Fiscal Year 2003 (i.e., \$64.66 per day).

Specifically, the amendment will reestablish the rate base year at Fiscal Year 2004, with the per diem rate set at \$64.66. Annual rate adjustments are proposed to resume July 1, 2004 (Fiscal Year 2005). In addition, the amendment will update the reference to the Consumer Price Index factor used to adjust rates.

Attachment

cc: League for Excellence in Adult Day Care
Maryland Association for Adult Day Services